



Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following arguments and consideration of the appended remarks.

OFFICE ACTION

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 6-43 as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 USC §251, and indicated that an appropriate supplemental oath/declaration under 35 CFR 1.175(b)(1) will overcome this rejection and allow the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for the instant reissue application.



REMARKS

In accordance with the Examiner's requirement, the Applicant has attached a supplemental declaration under 37 CFR §1.175, signed by the Inventor, A. C. McNamara. The Applicant respectfully submits that this response is a proper response to the final rejection under 37 C.F.R. 1.113.

Applicant respectfully requests that this response be considered by the Examiner and a notice of allowance be entered. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful to the allowance of this application, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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